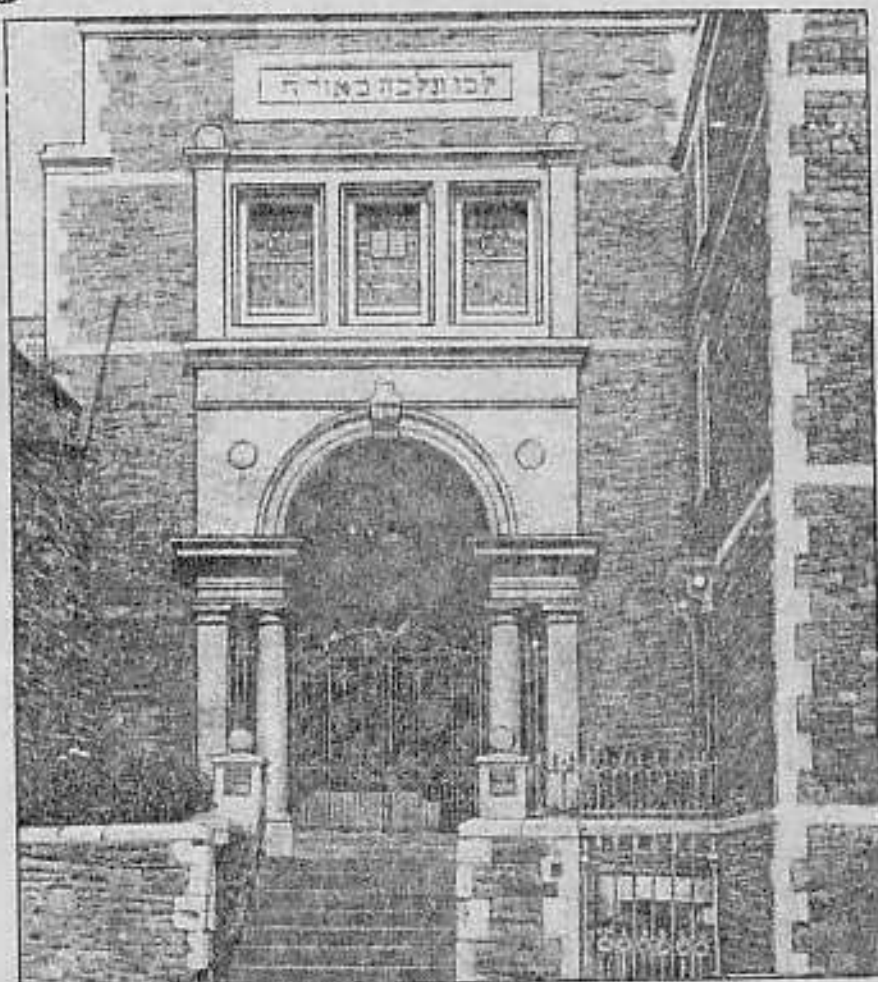


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JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

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MINISTER TO CONGREGANTS

Sincerest greetings to all our Congregants for a Shonoh Tovah

u'm'suko: a year of life: health and the pursuit of happiness.

In this my first message to you, my wife and I are very thankful for the way you have accepted and welcomed us in your ranks. We hope & trust, that we will enjoy each other's confidences for many years to come, and that unitedly, we will strive together: our young and our old: to promote: strengthen and to consolidate: with health and renewed vigour: the spiritual and social bonds, that are so vital to our Communal life.

I wonder if you and I: somehow by united endeavour, cannot lay hold of this 'Something' in the heart of the Jew: if we cannot re-formulate our ancient traditions: so as to bring their significance home: into the lives of your children: your youth and into the various auxiliaries that make up our pattern of Jewish life here in Bristol.

I am writing these lines, just after reading Anne Morrow Lindbergh's popular book, 'Gift from the Seas'

The author addresses herself mainly to women, but the truth that she enunciates apply to men as well. Contemplating various types of shells which the waves of the sea cast on the shore, she derives from them, wholesome lessons for living, that, were they accepted by men & women, would make life more meaningful and more enjoyable.

She asks us to cast off the shells which encumber our beings: to cease running after activities that blur our vision of true living: she asks us to seek the simple life, and above all, to make time for reflection that would direct our attention, to our inner spiritual resources, instead of concentrating on external strivings, which in most cases are meaningless and useless.

I liked the quotation which she gives from William James, who describes the ailment of people today in the German word 'TZERISSENHEIT' 'torn to pieces' and she wisely warns that 'we cannot live perpetually in 'tearing ourselves from one activity to another: running here & there, while our inner self, is literally being starved. Not knowing how to feed the spirit, we try to muffle its demands by distraction.

We must find time, she urges, for 'that inner stillness', by tapping 'certain springs' in one's being: the problem is how to feed the soul? For it is the spirit of woman (and we might add, of man as well) that is going dry, not the mechanics, that are wanting. Mechanically, we have gained much, in the last generation, but spiritually, we have unwittingly lost. And so she pleads to make time at regular intervals for solitude and contemplation: for richer mediums that encourage thought----- prayer: music and art. One of the important media that she recommends, is 'our place of worship' which has always been a great centering force, for the need of 'renewal' is still there.

When I finally put this book away, the phrase 'the need of renewal' kept repeating itself in my mind. For we Jews, throughout the ages, found in the Synagogue: that inner stillness: that complete renewal for which she pleads.

That is what the solemn days of Rosh Hashonah & Yom Kippur mean to the Jew. He goes to the Synagogue on those days: to cast off from himself, the shells of routine pursuits, which stifle his inner soul: he becomes a 'BRIAH CHADASHA' to use a Rabbinic phrase: catching a glimpse of the true values of life.

We must enter the Sanctuary, with the will of 'spiritual renewal.' This experience in worship: once or twice a year, is not sufficient to give us 'this inner stillness', and the Jew of old, understood this. At least once a week----- on the Shabbos: he knew that he had to go SHUL, to find that which he required for his true wellbeing: the communion with the Divine, which gave him a 'renewal of spirit: to make the best use of his life, in the week ahead.

Should Rosh Hashone mark only the beginning of another year, or another birthday, it would be of no singular religious significance. It is the 'spiritual' device which our tradition has fashioned: to enable us to turn the clock back, and begin all over again. Through TESHUVAH: we call back our past: we examine our deeds: and place them before G.d, for His purifying forgiveness. As our Rabbis were wont to say, 'One moment of sincere repentance, can completely change the character of a year that has passed by.

I pray that on this Rosh Hashone and Yom Kippur all of us may find in the Synagogue, 'that spiritual response to the needs of our inner selves: so that on every Sabbath to follow: we may want to seek more and more of that soul renewal: and thus win for ourselves, a happy and blessed life. May this blessing come to all Israel: May G.d grant our heart's desires, for good and for a blessing.

TIMES OF SERVICE (HIGH HOLYDAYS)

NEW YEAR: ראש השנה

Eve of Rosh Hashono:

WEDNESDAY: Sept. 5th 7-30p.m

1st. Day: THURSDAY Sept. 6th.

Service Commences: 9-0 a.m.
 Reading of the Law: 10-15 "
 Shofar 10-45 "
 Sermon: 11-15 "
 Musaf Service 11-30 "
 Minchah Service 7-30 "
 Maariv Service 7-45 "

2nd. Day FRIDAY Sept. 7th.

Service commences: 9-0 a.m.
 Reading of the Law 10-15 "
 Shofar 10-45 "
 Sermon 11-15 "
 Musaf Service 11-30 "
 Minchah 7-15 "

(Festival ends, and Sabbath begins 7-15 p.m)

SHABBAS SHUVAH

FRIDAY Sept. 7th 7-15

SHABBOS " 8th 9-30

(Sabbath ends 8-22)

EREV YOM KIPPUR:

FRIDAY Sept. 14th
 SHABBOS begins at 7-0
 Fast begins at 7-0
 KOL NIDRE at 7-15
 Sermon.

SIMCHAS TORAH:

Thursday Sept 27th,
 Service Commences 6-45
 (followed by Maariv & HAKOFESS.
 Morning Service (FRIDAY 9-30

YOM KIPPUR: יום כיפור

SHABBOS SEPT 15th.

Service commences 9-0 a.m.
 Reading of the Law 11-30
 Yizkor (approx) 12-30
 Sermon 1-00
 Musaf Service 1-30
 Children's Service 3-30
 Mincha (Afternoon Service) 4-30
 NEILAH (Concluding Service) 6-15

FAST TERMINATES AT 8p.m.

SUGGOS:

WEDNESDAY 19th. Sept.

Maariv Service. 7-0 p.m

1st. & 2 nd. Days of Yomtov:

THURSDAY & FRIDAY: Sept. 20--21st:

Service commences 9-30
 Reading of the Law 10-30
 Sermon 11-15
 Mincha (Afternoon Service) 7-00
 Followed by Maariv.

Festival ends and Sabbath begins 6-45

SHABBOS (Chol Ha-moed)

Service Commences Sept. 21st 6-45
 Morning Service 9-30

Hoshanah Rabbah

WEDNESDAY: Sept 26th 9 a.m

SHEMINI ATZERES: Sept 26th

Service commences 6-45
 Morning Service (Thursday) 9-30
 Reading of the Law 10-30
 Yizkor 11-15
 Sermon

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES:

The Wardens would appreciate your attention to the following simple ways,by which you can help to maintain our Services,to be decorous & inspiring:-

Refrain from conversation during the Services.
Do not leave the Synagogue unnecessarily: Constant walking in & out, is not only very distracting, but disturbs those who are anxious to be devotional in prayer.
Do not congregate in the Vestibule, nor on the steps in front of the Synagogue.
Smoking in the vestibule, or in front of the Synagogue, is not permitted.
If your child is with you, see that he or she, do not interfere with the comfort of your neighboring worshipper.

Make sure, that you know the location of your seat BEFORE Rosh Hashono. Searching for Seat-numbers during Services, is most disturbing, and must delay the Service.

Do NOT remove your TALLISIM, or begin to leave your seat, until the Services have actually finished, and that means after ADON OLAM, has been completed.
By endeavouring to do YOUR part, as indicated above, we could have a dignified Service, and finish at a reasonable time.

The Hon. Officers and Members of the Council extend to all our members and Worshipers, their best wishes for a year of health: happiness & joy. May we, together with all mankind, be blessed with Peace & Prosperity, and may 5717 be crowned with new achievements and success, in our efforts on behalf of the Community and of our people.

Let us rededicate ourselves to the ideals of Judaism, and resolve, to work with heart: soul and mind: to remove the evils that dominate the earth; to establish here in our world, the Kingdom of G.d.

'G.d gave the world to man: it is for man to choose: either to end it, or help to complete it'.
May This Rosh Hashono, help us to complete it'.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

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From the Hon. Officers:

We wish you all a very Happy & Prosperous New Year: May the Almighty grant to us our hearts desires, give us a year of Life Health and continued enthusiasm for the welfare of our Community.

We have now emerged from a very difficult phase in the life of our Community, and we earnestly look forward to an era of revival, under the spiritual leadership and guidance of our New Minister, The Rev. Wilfred Wolfson. We sincerely hope and trust that the Community will help to resuscitate, the various activities, that once singled out our Communal life, for its virility, and rivalry, in its various phases & activities. We hope that the attendances in School, at all Services, will be such as to reflect honour, on an age old congregation such as ours. Let us serve the Lord, in joyfulness of spirit, at every possible opportunity. Our men: women and children: each in their way, can greatly help our Minister in this respect. Show more loyalty, than in the past.

Culturally, we need to re-invigorate the Literary & Social Society it has a glorious history, going back nearly 80 years, in the life of the Community, and surely, with earnest endeavour and sincere goodwill this Society, can greatly assist us culturally. Will YOU not help to do your share. Support, by your attendance, the next Meeting that will be arranged: Come and 'Let us reason together'. GOOD YOMTOV TO YOU ALL.

S. Jacobs: President: C.J. Tanchen (Vice
BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY: A.E. Morris: Treasurer: M. Mass (Secretary)

In a Community such as ours, every accession of strength is proportionately far more valuable, than it would be in a much larger Community. It is for this reason that I have special pleasure in welcoming Rev. Wolfson and Mrs. Wolfson---in Bristol, for we know from his record, that he has already rendered outstanding service in the field, both of Jewish Education and of Zionist activity. We welcome him personally: and we welcome him also, in his official capacity as our Minister. We wish him and Mrs. Wolfson, every success and happiness among us.

The year 5716 has been one of mounting tension & unrest in the Middle East, but the much publicised disturbances have tended to obscure the vital fact, that despite all difficulties, the infant State of Israel, has been steadily consolidating its position. The desert is slowly but surely receding, as Jewish settlers, step by step encroach upon it and make it blossom forth as if by magic.

The pace of this peaceful reclamation has unfortunately been slowed down by the fact that Israel has been compelled to devote to the strengthening of her defences much of the energy which would otherwise have been directed into more constructive channels. It is little short of miraculous that, now as ever throughout the history of the Zionist movement, so much has been achieved in the face of almost insurmountable difficulties.

We in the Diaspora can take a legitimate pride in what has been done, for we have all contributed something, whether in large measure or small. Let us enter upon the New Year, firmly resolved to redouble our efforts, and to do all in our power, to secure for the State of Israel an impregnable position, in the security of which our traditional Jewish ideals can once again attain their fullest development.

(Prof) J.M. Yoffey

Chairman: BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY.

תלמוד תורה

The prayers we say from the Siddur come from many sources. One taken from the MISHNA, has a unique significance to our Community.

In the preliminary readings of the Daily Morning Service, we say:-

אלו דברים שאדם אוכל פרותיהם בעולם הזה והקדן קימת לו לעולם הבא:

'These are the things, the fruits of which, a man enjoys in this world: and the stock of which, remains for him, in the world to come, viz:-
'honouring parents: deeds of lovingkindness: timely attendance at the house of study and prayer: hospitality to wayfarers: visiting the sick: looking after a Bride, in need: attending to the last rites, for a person who has died: making peace, between a man and his fellowman.

תלמוד תורה כנגד כלם.

But TALMUD-----TORAH is equal to them all: There is no limit to the study of the Torah. As Dr. Hertz says in his Siddur Commentary, 'Both Judaism and the Jew wither away, wherever sacred study is not instilled in HOME: TALMUD TORAH: and SYNAGOGUE.'

(The 'Recorder' is happy to include in this special Rosh Hashono number a message from Prof. Yeffoy, who has done such outstanding service, for the cause of TALMUD TORAH, in our Community. Through his tireless and self-sacrificing efforts: in the midst of a very active and busy life: much has been achieved, for the benefit of the Community. (The fruits of which, we hope to see in our generation! !)

"The past year has been one of steady progress in our Talmud Torah. The outstanding development has been the inauguration of the mid-week class, in which Dr. E. Mendoza has been teaching Jewish History, and Mr. A. Cohen the Cantillation of the Maftir and Haftarah. The Class has been well attended, and the children have been keenly interested in their work. The Sunday Classes have been lengthened, so that the children now have two sessions of fifty minutes each.

As usual, the community owe a great debt to the devoted efforts of the Teaching Staff, and it gives me great pleasure to place on record my own personal appreciation of their loyal support. At the same time, it is a matter of profound regret that we shall be losing the services of Mr. N. Rayman, who has been appointed to a more senior post in Coventry. He has given unstintingly of his time and energy, and we shall miss him very much indeed. He takes with him our best wishes for success in his new post, and we sincerely hope that he and his family, will be able to maintain some of their contacts with us.

The departure of Mr. Rayman has been offset by the arrival of our new Minister, the Rev. Wolfson. We know from his previous record, how profoundly he is interested in the cause of Jewish education, and in welcoming him to Bristol, we feel sure that he will be a tower of strength to our Talmud Torah.

Of all Communal activities, education is the one to which we Jews have attached primary importance for literary thousands of years. And rightly so, for without satisfactory educational standards, an intelligent and understanding orthodoxy would have been impossible.

TALMUD TORAH (Continued) A.J.E.X. & POLACK BRANCH OF BRITISH LEGION

This point of view was forcibly put nearly 2000 years ago by HILLEL one of the greatest Rabbis of all time--- when he said, 'AN EMPTY-HEADED MAN, cannot be sin-fearing: NOR CAN AN IGNORANT PERSON BE PIOUS'

The TALMUD---TORAH represents thus far, the focal point of our own educational efforts. It has achieved much already, though admittedly it is capable of a good deal more. We have as promising a group as can be found anywhere in the country. The older children are already attending secondary schools, and in due course several of them will no doubt proceed to a University. We must prepare now for the continuance of their Jewish education in the post Barmitzvah and Batmitzvah-stage.

This stage was clearly envisaged several years ago, when we first prepared our 'blue-print' for the formation of the Talmud Torah, & formulated our long term plans. One of the chief measures then contemplated was the establishment of a growing Jewish Library, and we shall start to build this up during the coming year. Such a Library should be of great service, not only to the children, but also to the Community as a whole.

It is our fervent hope that the coming year will be one of continued progress in the work of our Talmud Torah, for upon this, the future of our Community will in the long run depend.

A.J.E.X. and the Community:

We cordially send our Greetings, at this time of the year: to all members: their wives and their families, for a year of life and every prosperity. In many provincial towns, notorious for 'communal schism' and irresponsibility, rival factions have found common ground in the wartime service, and our local branch now forms a dignified representative of local Jewry. The reason is not hard to find. During the war, countless young members of our faith, assumed responsibilities, far beyond their years, and most of these, at no time, lost sight of their responsibilities to their fellow Jews. Those fortunate enough to survive, were determined on their return to civil life, that the traditions of disciplined service, should now be devoted, to the service of the Jewish Community. And so it has come about that A.J.E.X. has still an important role to play in communal service. We hope that the New Year, will bring into our ranks, an intensification of effort, from many of our Ex-Service Men & Women, who hitherto, have remained in the background. May we appeal to all Ex-Service personnel, whether they are members of A.J.E.X. or the senior body of 'The Polack Branch of the British Legion': to come forward and play their part: in maintaining the honour and dignity of the our Jewish Community here in Bristol.

The volunteers of A.J.E.X. deserved well of their country between 1939-45: they have deserved well of their country since 1945: it is their intention to continue, to be worthy of the high place in the Community, which all Ex-Service Men and Women, have been rightly accorded.

Polack Branch of British Legion:

President: A.I. Polack:
Chairman S. Jacobs,
Treasurer. G. Gee

A.J.E.X.
President: S. Jacobs
Chairman: A. Elliman
Secretary: A. Glick.

GREETINGS FROM OUR WOMEN.

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JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD:

As the Yomim Tovim are rapidly approaching, we would like to extend to all our members, and to all the Congregation, our sincere good wishes for a Happy and successful NEW YEAR, and at the same time to thank all those who have so loyally responded and helped the GUILD in its past activities.

We look forward to all our women being present at our opening Meeting, arranged for Sept. 17th, at 7-30 p.m. at the Synagogue Hall. A full report and Balance Sheet will be presented, and a talk, by our newly appointed Minister will be given.

His talk will be entitled, 'Communal Problems' and will deal with many phases of our Congregational life.

We warmly welcome Rev. and Mrs. Wolfson to Bristol, who, we are sure, will do much to help us in our future work, and to intensify our enthusiasm for the various projects we still can do.

G.R. Sacoff:	Chairman
M. Gee	Hon. Treasurer
M. Assael	Hon. Secretary.

W.I.Z.O. Group:

This year has been a significant one in the history of the Bristol Jewish Community. It has seen not only the re-formation of the Bristol Zionist Society, but also for the first time the establishment of a W.I.Z.O. Group, thus showing that the Jews of Bristol are anxious to demonstrate their solidarity with the State of Israel, and are willing to do their share in supporting Israel, in her hour of need. The people of Israel stand firm and strong, confident that their tiny country, is destined to grow from strength to strength.

We Jewish women in the Diaspora have a much less spectacular role to play, than those who are engaged in defending Israel against her enemies, or those with their own hands help to make the desert bloom again. However, that role is of vital importance. Our fund raising activities, make us partners with the citizens of Israel in their great historic task. By keeping ourselves well informed on all aspects of the development of the Jewish State, we help to forge a link between the women of Israel, and those who live outside her borders.

These then, are the two main functions of our W.I.Z.O. group. I hope that those who worked so hard and with such enthusiasm last year, will resume their efforts with renewed vigour, after the summer recess, and those who were unable to join our ranks last year, will in the coming year play their part truly and well.

On behalf of the Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group, may I take this opportunity of welcoming Rev. and Mrs. Wolfson into our midst. Knowing the work they have always done in the cause of Zion, we feel sure, we can count on their enthusiastic and wholehearted co-operation.

Betty Yoffey:	Chairman. W.I.Z.O. Group
M. Rayman:	Cultural Chairman.
N. Silverman:	Treasurer & Secretary.



Mrs. K. Lever was hostess at our closing Meeting, of a successful first season: when a Coffee Morning was held on July 3rd.

Mrs. Golda Haze gave her impressions of life in Israel today.

Our activities have included Coffee Mornings: Afternoon and Evening Meetings, through which we have been able to raise money towards the group's target of One hundred Pounds. Papers were also given by members of 'The Panel of Speakers', formed by our cultural Chairman, Mrs. Rayman, which proved as educational as they were interesting.

Miss Macquita from London: a Sub-Editor of the 'Jewish Women's Review' also gave us a most interesting talk. Another Coffee Evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs. B. Roydon gave us also the opportunity of seeing some

recent Israeli Films. Our inaugural Ball on Feb. 29th, organised jointly by the our W.I.Z.O Group and the Zionist Society, raised One Hundred and Nine Pounds, which went to General W.I.Z.O charities. It was decided to make the Ball an annual event. We are planning bigger and greater effort in our forthcoming activities, and we hope to have your continued support. TOGETHER: we can achieve 'strength and power' for the cause so dear to us, and give 'strength and power' to the various W.I.Z.O. projects in our STATE.

OPENING MEETING:

Our new season's activities, will open on SUNDAY EVENING Sept. 30th. at the School Hall. Two Films will be shown, "The Edge of Danger" and the "Lachish Story". Both outstanding in their presentation of life in Israel. The Director of P.A.T.M.A in Great Britain, Mr. A. Tooch, will address the gathering during the evening. Mr. Tooch who held an important position in the South African Zionist Federation in Israel also participated in the War of Independence. All members: husbands & friends are cordially invited. Make a note of the Date: and make it a MUST. You will certainly enjoy our programme. Of course Refreshments will be served. With Zion's Greetings:

Sincerely (Mrs) N. Silverman
(Hon. Treas)

DOES THIS ANSWER YOUR QUESTION

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- Q. I am just a Jew by birth: I am not religious: why belong to a Synagogue at all?
- A. The Synagogue is more than a place of worship: it should be a 'House of Study' as well as a social centre for its people. Jewish culture is highly respected in this country, as are Jews, whose social poise, is beyond challenge. Non-Jews moreover, do not want to distinguish their neighbours chiefly on the basis of their theology. Any agency which strengthens the Jewish position in this country, is deserving of the active support of every man & woman, who have the welfare of Jews at heart. England is a religious country: Christians judge us, by the strength or weakness of our religious institutions. Synagogue affiliation, is a fortress against intolerance and prejudice: Jews by birth should therefore stand with us, in our work: as they can share in its benefits.
- Q. I want to belong, but what can I do? My wife (or husband) is not interested.
- A. Do you refrain from all other enjoyable activities, because your wife (or husband) is not of a similar temperament. In the modern world, men and women are not expected to sacrifice their individualities. What the other half does, IS important, but 'Religion' is a personal experience, to which one has every right: just as everyone has a right to breathe and enjoy the Air and light: No one should keep you from the Synagogue: if YOU want to belong.
- Q. My religion is the Golden Rule: why do I need a Synagogue?
- A. The average person who believes in the Golden Rule, may be sincere about it, but does very little to encourage others to practice it. The Synagogue, spreads the knowledge, and what is perhaps greater: it fights the influences that negate the Golden Rule. What would citizenship be worth, if people merely said, 'I believe in an English way of life, but paid nothing towards the expenses of the State, in trying to administer its social programme. What kind of an Englishman would he be?
- Q. G.d is everywhere, and I don't believe in organised religion: I don't need a Synagogue to pray do I?
- A. Electricity too is everywhere in the universe, from the beginning, but it was no value to mankind, until Franklin, or Edison, or Marconi discovered it. So is Music: scientific truths: and knowledge, yet none of these great and eternal values would have wielded much influence in life, had they not been given, organised and systematic expression. The Synagogue is the organised, systematic expression of Jewish life: thought: education and idealism: it is the vehicle for the finest expression, of the desire to pray to an Unseen Being. Those who say, they need no Synagogue: how often 'DO THEY CONTEMPLATE ON JEWISH LIFE AND THOUGHT? How often DO THEY PRAY?

- Q. I will join, but not this year: I won't be here for the Holy Days, so what's the use of joining the Synagogue Membership?
- A. The Synagogue is there, for all the year round, and Judaism is an all-year Religion: its an eternal faith. The Synagogue is not to be treated as a 'theatre', when tickets are bought for special performances.

Frankly, is it just: is it square for you, to let those who are members, maintain the Synagogue, and meet its budget, while you take advantage of its services, at only those times when it suits your convenience?

- Q. Why do you ask me to join: I do not say KADDISH?
- A. The Synagogue is happy to be able to serve those who unhappily meet with sorrow: but why wait for the MALACH HA-MOVESS: 'The Angel of death', to determine your Synagogue affiliation. Besides, our Synagogue Services is continuous, and occasions of joy, are as meaningful in Judaism, as those of sorrow. The beautiful Services on Pesach: Shevuss and Succos: Chanukah & Purim, are as significant, as those on the High Festivals. Kaddish, is only an 'isolated incident' of the Services: it never has been, the 'essence of our Religion'. Beautiful as it is, to revere the dead: let us remember too, that Judaism is a living Religion----- for the Living.
- Q. I used to belong, but someone insulted me. What would you have done?
- A. People do not leave the country, because one Alderman or an M.P. has been ungracious: People do not walk out of theatres, because one usherette made a mistake with their seat: people do not resign from a Club, because one member has been rude. No one person, is the Synagogue. The Hebrew word for Synagogue is BAIS HAK-NESSES 'HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY': its purpose is above petty individual interests or actions. What one trustee says: what the Minister may overlook in one case, must not affect the welfare of the Synagogue, which represents Judaism, and all the Jewish Community in it.
- Q. I really would like to join, but can't afford it?
- A. There is a mistaken idea, about the cost of membership. Considering the different benefits the Synagogue can offer you, and to the members of your family, you will be surprised, how easily you can ally yourself with our fellowship. Why not arrange to have a chat with a Member of the Board of Trustees: with the Hon. Officers, or with the Minister. They will put you at ease very quickly. Try it and see.

"The best thing we can do for the Synagogue, is to let it do its BEST for you".

"The first steps to happiness, are the Synagogue steps"

"If G.d is kept OUTSIDE, something must be wrong INSIDE"

"Don't stay away from the Synagogue, because it is not perfect. How lonely you would feel, in a perfect Synagogue"

WHO SAID IT?

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In this Series, the Minister, will from time to time, include some of most popular Hebrew sayings, and the source in each case will be quoted. Look up the quotations in your Bible, or Tanach.

"A good name is rather to be chosen, than great riches"
(Proverbs ch. 22, v. 1)

"A Man after my own heart" (Prophet Samuel to King Saul) 1st. Book
(Samuel ch. 13: v. 14)

"Lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death, they were not divided" (It refers to Saul and his son Jonathan: 2nd. Book Samuel
(Chapter 1 v. 23)

"Shall we receive good at the Hand of G.d, and shall we not receive evil"
(Job chapter 2, v. 10.)

"A soft answer turneth away wrath" (Proverbs ch. 15, v 13)

"Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth."
(Proverbs ch. 27, v. 2)

"There is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes ch. 1, verse 9)

"For everything there is a reason, and a time for every purpose, under heaven"
(Ecclesiastes ch. 3, verse 1.

"Faithful are the words of a friend" (Proverbs 26, verse 6)

"Escape with the skin of my teeth" (Job chapter 19; verse 20)

"He that ruleth over his spirit, is greater than he who taketh a city"
(Proverbs chapter 16, verse 32)

"A merry heart, maketh a cheerful countenance" 15, " 13.

"I am a Hebrew" (Jonah, when asked by the crew of a ship going to Tarshish)

"Thy people shall be my people: Thy G.d my G.d. (Ruth to Naomi, her mother-in-law)

"I have enough my brother" (Esau, when he met his brother Jacob)

"To obey is better than to sacrifice" (The prophet Samuel to King Saul)

"And if I perish, I perish" (Queen Esther, when she accepts the mission to intercede for her people before the King Achaaverosh.

"If I am not for myself, who will befriend me" (The Great Hillel: a great Rabbi who flourished in Jerusalem, but who came from Babylon, with other exiles. He established a College of great repute, and was the first Rabbi, to give shape to the ORAL LAW.

(The last quotation, is the motto adopted by Jewish Students in the United States and Canada, under the Hillel Foundation of B'nai B'rith)



Take Notice/

Dear children,

Let me introduce myself. I am the new Minister for the Congregation, and my name is Rev. W. Wolfson. I am going to live amongst you, and I hope we will see quite a lot of each other. When I arrive to your City, some of you may be away on holiday: so a 'happy holiday' wherever you are: others

may have had their holidays, so I hope it has done you the world of good, and will have pleasant memories for you always. Others, I hope to meet in Shul at the earliest opportunity, and once we get to know each other 'the happier we will all be'. You know that little song, which begins with the words, "The more we are together: the merrier we will be", and that is how I want to feel about you.

Now children: I can let you into a secret. There is going to be a special Children's Section in the "Recorder", which I shall want you all to read. We are going to have many interesting Competitions, running from time: for which there will be some very interesting prizes, if you enter for them. Also, I shall be happy to print any item, of Jewish interest: that has either happened in your home: in your Hebrew Class, or in Shul, and your name will appear in the 'Recorder'. So if you know of anything Jewish, don't hesitate send it to me to Synagogue Chambers, PARK ROW, BRISTOL, and you will be able to see it printed.

Remember the Children's column is for YOU: if I find that lots of children are sending me in many interesting matters, I might get an Assistant Editor, and any one of the children could be eligible for this important position. Put your name: address: date of birthday: on your letter, so I should know who is writing to me.

(Now, look on the next page-----



Let us start off with some simple questions and answers, and as this 'Recorder' is a special Rosh Hashono number, what could be better, than to test your skill with the following questions (Don't look at the answer page, unless you're actually stumped).

- Question 1. How many names are there to Rosh Hashono? Question 2: Why is it kept, and how long does it last?
- Question 3. What is the special religious object we use in SHUL?
- Question 4. What are the names of the different sounds you hear On Rosh Hashono, that come out of the special religious object?
- Question 5. What will be the New Year in NUMBERS?
- Question 6. How many Services have we to say on Rosh Hashono?
- Question 7. When do the 10 Days of Penitence commence, and when do they finish?
- Question 8. What do the words, YOM KIPPUR mean?
- Question 9. What is meant by the words, KOL NIDRE and NEILAH?
- Question 10. Why have we to fast on this day?
- Question 11. Have you ever heard of the Book of Jonah. Describe briefly its story?
- Question 12. When do we keep YOM KIPPUR: Give Hebrew month and date.
- Question 13. What Festival do we keep in the month of Tishri: how long does it last: and why do we keep it?
- Question 14. On which Festival do children go around the Bimah, with a flag (made of paper) in a certain procession.
- Question 15. What is the name of the special building, we use, during the first 7 days of this Festival?
- Question 16. What is an ESROG & LULAV?

We have 16 questions here. Allow yourself 3 marks for each question you answer correctly without looking at the answers. The next time I set you some questions, there will be no answers. You will have to supply them, by sending them to me in a letter, and the one who has the most number correct, will receive a beautiful gift. SO BE ON THE LOOK OUT.